

# FY 2004 Report of Accomplishments

## King Conservation District



### Natural Resource Improvements in FY 2004 - Summary

- *Planned and assisted landowners with the implementation of 11,013 feet of exclusion and cross fencing; 15 manure composting bins; 210.5 acres of pasture under nutrient management; 53.5 acres of pasture under prescribed grazing; 9.55 acres of confinement area; 12 roof water diversion systems; 231 acres of upland wildlife habitat protection.*
- *Installed 4000 native plants on 8 stream, wetland, Estuarine, and/or upland habitat enhancement projects; provided 264 landowners with the 23,685 native plants for installation on private property; assisted 47 local groups and landowners with the installation of 7732 native plants on local stream and wetland enhancement projects.*
- *Trained 80 landowners to plan and implement their own livestock Best Management Practices*



*Some KCD Propagated Plants on Salt Marsh Enhancement Project*

### Mission of the King Conservation District

- *Promoting the sustainable use of natural resources through responsible stewardship*

### Water Quality Implementation

- *Implemented 1 forest, 1 stream, 5 wetland, and 1 estuarine enhancement projects by installing 4000 native plants and 450 linear feet of livestock exclusion fencing.*
- *Designed 150-acre wetland restoration project for Mid-Puget Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group restoration site.*

### Basic Funding

- *Utilized the Basic Funding Grant to pay District portion of annual building lease.*

### Local Funding

- *Utilized King Conservation District Special Assessment collections to fund 28 salmon recovery/habitat enhancement planning and implementation noncompetitive grants in the amount of \$2,075,089.*
- *Utilized King Conservation District Special Assessment collections to fund District Operations in the amount of \$580,111. This funding was used to match WCC basic funding, water quality, and engineering grant income in the amount of \$172,093.*

### Puget Sound/Water Quality

- *Propagated 7192 native emergent plants and 4946 native trees and shrubs for local stream, wetland, and/or estuarine enhancement projects.*
- *Provided 7732 native plants and design/planning assistance on 47 stream, wetland, and/or estuarine enhancement projects coordinated by local landowner/community groups.*
- *Provided 2599 native plants to support implementation of 7 stream, wetland and/or estuarine enhancement projects coordinated by King Conservation District.*

### Professional Engineering

- *Not Applicable, see Pierce Conservation District Annual Report for KCD activities accomplished with this grant*

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### **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**

- *Enrolled 4 landowners in CREP (CRP-1); developed 4 CREP buffer plans; implemented 1 CREP project.*
  - *Distributed \$36,074 in WCC cost share for CREP projects.*
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### **Dairy**

- *Developed 6 new dairy nutrient management plans, certified 5 dairy nutrient management plans, updated 8 existing dairy nutrient management plans, and provided 39 dairy operators with technical assistance on implementing a dairy nutrient management plan.*
  - *Distributed \$97,509 in WCC dairy waste program cost share funding.*
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### **Irrigation Efficiencies**

- *Not Applicable*
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### **Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration**

- *Conducted bare-root tree and shrub sale where 264 landowners purchased 23,685 native plants for backyard habitat enhancement projects.*
  - *See reported items under Water Quality Implementation Puget Sound Water Quality.*
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### **Small Farm Programs**

- *Developed 67 new small Farm Management Plans for local livestock and agricultural operations; conducted 93 follow-up visits on sites with an existing Farm Management Plan; provided BMP planning assistance on 29 sites without a Farm Management Plan.*
  - *Documented the implementation of small farm management practices, including 11,013 feet of exclusion and cross fencing; 37.5 acres excluded from livestock access; 15 manure composting bins; 210.5 acres of nutrient management; 53.5 acres prescribed grazing; 9.55 acres of confinement area; 12 roof water diversion systems; and 231 acres of upland wildlife habitat protection.*
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### **Community Collaboration & Coordination**

- *Co-Coordinated development and implementation of King County Agriculture Drainage Assistance Program.*
  - *Co-Coordinated salmon recovery efforts through 3 local watershed forums.*
  - *Co-facilitated King/Pierce/Thurston Local Working Group for distribution of Federal Farm Bill program funds.*
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### **Information & Education**

- *Facilitated 8 land and water stewardship workshops for 80 livestock owners; 1 Forest Stewardship Field Day; 5 small farm tours; 7 farm BMP presentations; 1 manure composting demonstration project; 1 commercial horse stable BMP training session.*
- *Provided 699 general soil and water conservation technical assists, including the distribution of printed information materials.*

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*Landowners Attend a Composting Training Session*